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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES¹

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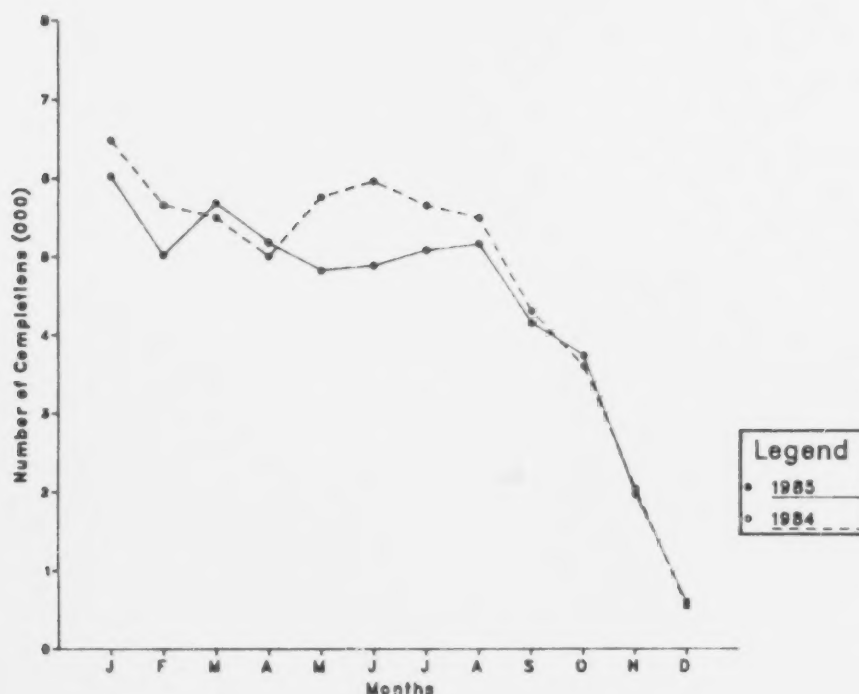


TABLE I: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES
BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1985¹

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS ⁴	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	26,219	106,975,765	10,148	55,411,052	15,951	81,359,975	52,318	243,746,792	53,429	247,519,733
1985: DEC	236	1,053,928	85	318,099	305	1,953,647	606	3,325,674	614	3,357,381
NOV	998	3,962,350	283	1,545,534	890	3,573,820	1,969	9,081,704	1,985	9,128,838
OCT	1,898	7,863,453	665	3,550,232	1,176	6,017,222	3,739	17,430,907	3,790	17,600,213
SEP	2,078	8,289,298	774	4,262,310	1,301	6,560,612	4,153	19,112,220	4,218	19,294,588
AUG	2,637	10,389,735	939	4,968,168	1,584	7,670,846	5,160	23,028,749	5,222	23,209,249
JUL	2,537	9,815,034	1,008	5,399,361	1,536	7,350,207	5,081	22,564,602	5,189	22,886,553
JUN	2,458	9,758,345	989	5,158,706	1,438	6,923,342	4,885	21,840,393	4,997	22,263,762
MAY	2,459	10,476,340	892	4,946,984	1,471	7,542,696	4,822	22,966,020	4,961	23,487,374
APR	2,650	10,858,331	966	5,515,329	1,563	7,967,831	5,179	24,341,491	5,292	24,707,962
MAR	2,849	11,927,168	1,147	6,392,085	1,684	8,446,374	5,680	26,765,627	5,830	27,223,423
FEB	2,478	10,511,569	1,137	6,326,353	1,401	7,494,144	5,016	24,332,066	5,143	24,755,450
JAN	2,943	12,070,214	1,283	7,027,891	1,802	9,859,234	6,028	28,957,339	6,188	29,604,940
TOTAL 1984	40,379	155,416,834	15,902	85,008,073	23,913	114,859,019	80,194	355,283,926	82,193	360,669,907
1984: DEC	3,238	12,153,384	1,432	7,255,079	1,956	10,064,764	6,626	29,473,227	6,796	29,916,940
NOV	3,363	12,675,254	1,528	7,588,832	1,890	9,378,580	6,781	29,642,666	6,933	30,087,887
OCT	3,379	13,612,894	1,470	7,753,664	1,951	9,343,965	6,800	30,710,523	7,013	31,346,675
SEP	3,334	12,430,158	1,337	6,953,303	1,976	9,228,537	6,647	28,811,998	6,777	28,962,416
AUG	3,568	13,199,674	1,491	7,814,466	2,397	10,912,249	7,456	31,926,389	7,631	32,448,845
JUL	3,635	13,729,907	1,334	7,290,735	2,194	10,020,917	7,163	31,041,559	7,325	31,503,459
JUN	3,586	13,305,341	1,393	7,278,914	2,254	10,226,957	7,233	30,811,212	7,402	31,254,386
MAY	3,483	13,457,914	1,268	7,008,316	1,893	9,220,604	6,644	29,686,834	6,808	30,076,717
APR	3,052	11,544,981	947	5,633,555	1,662	8,238,600	5,661	25,417,136	5,850	25,857,790
MAR	3,236	13,052,845	1,099	6,613,772	1,740	8,740,939	6,075	28,407,556	6,248	28,834,144
FEB	3,177	12,655,156	1,261	6,673,555	1,761	8,760,902	6,199	28,089,613	6,348	28,506,335
JAN	3,328	13,599,326	1,342	7,143,882	2,239	10,722,005	6,909	31,465,213	7,064	31,874,313
TOTAL 1983	35,991	133,519,560	14,014	74,851,054	23,044	101,904,660	73,049	310,275,274	75,033	314,963,358
1983: DEC	2,980	11,327,856	1,308	6,616,692	1,923	9,208,164	6,211	27,152,712	6,355	27,515,366
NOV	3,223	12,337,760	1,255	6,151,324	2,115	9,737,619	6,593	28,226,703	6,770	28,665,240
OCT	3,271	12,426,341	1,391	6,874,086	2,163	9,543,363	6,825	28,843,790	6,995	29,258,902
SEP	3,193	11,701,740	1,244	6,436,488	1,975	8,395,090	6,412	26,533,318	6,584	26,887,858
AUG	3,365	11,804,970	1,316	6,600,293	2,076	8,506,452	6,757	26,911,715	6,981	27,490,257
JUL	3,045	10,829,793	1,084	5,675,134	1,958	8,132,677	6,087	24,637,604	6,263	25,028,930
JUN	2,864	10,396,443	1,035	5,840,156	1,858	7,334,994	5,757	23,571,593	5,928	23,918,708
MAY	2,644	10,392,880	938	5,491,096	1,728	7,594,098	5,310	23,478,074	5,494	23,943,517
APR	2,557	9,816,840	873	5,203,033	1,558	7,183,558	4,988	22,203,431	5,110	22,491,802
MAR	2,869	11,038,054	1,070	6,114,425	1,846	8,516,446	5,785	25,668,925	5,947	26,001,334
FEB	2,542	9,642,272	1,085	6,068,174	1,720	7,809,465	5,347	23,519,911	5,466	23,826,877
JAN	3,438	11,804,611	1,415	7,780,153	2,124	9,942,734	6,977	29,527,498	7,140	29,934,767
TOTAL 1982	38,386	146,558,852	18,587	104,482,253	25,542	121,243,746	82,515	372,284,851	84,727	377,549,703
TOTAL 1981	42,831	169,372,259	19,893	106,411,185	27,259	132,810,537	89,983	408,593,981	92,364	414,445,468

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES
BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1985¹

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	1,542	9,764,035	968	6,125,541	7,353	40,854,461	9,863	55,744,037
1985: DEC	13	55,028	1	1,607	144	891,431	158	948,066
NOV	43	220,109	24	142,754	330	1,806,523	397	2,169,386
OCT	118	641,372	34	167,557	555	3,031,891	707	3,840,820
SEP	113	600,699	59	354,497	623	3,313,368	795	4,268,564
AUG	159	909,945	78	436,414	742	3,910,999	979	5,257,358
JUL	134	755,309	81	453,609	692	3,622,265	907	4,831,183
JUN	111	598,011	102	708,524	641	3,268,987	854	4,575,522
MAY	157	900,892	122	758,101	648	3,636,849	927	5,295,842
APR	138	750,623	107	720,204	695	3,982,543	940	5,453,370
MAR	191	1,135,150	99	634,246	742	4,208,539	1,032	5,977,935
FEB	170	1,050,816	117	787,279	685	4,043,227	972	5,881,322
JAN	195	1,146,081	144	960,749	855	5,137,839	1,195	7,244,669
TOTAL 1984	2,299	12,467,061	1,554	9,720,986	10,814	57,693,483	14,667	79,881,530
1984: DEC	156	805,256	105	564,597	946	5,460,467	1,207	6,830,320
NOV	182	995,717	106	637,105	853	4,728,417	1,141	6,361,239
OCT	165	850,752	137	889,936	933	4,765,759	1,235	6,505,447
SEP	213	1,167,415	129	873,270	886	4,545,394	1,228	6,586,079
AUG	181	968,256	122	796,293	1,037	5,461,963	1,340	7,226,512
JUL	191	999,685	151	983,146	1,043	5,183,146	1,385	7,165,977
JUN	195	1,104,228	133	767,186	1,046	5,247,521	1,374	7,118,935
MAY	213	1,173,122	137	836,774	822	4,517,634	1,172	6,527,530
APR	153	893,719	99	677,072	745	4,036,305	997	5,607,096
MAR	213	1,187,696	151	1,018,289	730	4,121,411	1,094	6,327,396
FEB	204	1,144,595	151	891,071	791	4,411,471	1,146	6,447,137
JAN	233	1,176,620	133	787,247	982	5,213,995	1,348	7,177,862
TOTAL 1983	2,100	10,486,760	1,635	10,169,006	9,900	48,031,530	13,635	68,687,296
1983: DEC	153	758,956	125	758,539	816	4,248,493	1,094	5,765,988
NOV	170	836,899	111	686,553	924	4,467,397	1,205	5,990,849
OCT	203	1,066,423	137	818,381	917	4,437,286	1,257	6,322,090
SEP	174	860,222	131	774,003	886	4,023,214	1,191	5,657,439
AUG	183	785,072	135	780,256	874	3,834,733	1,192	5,400,061
JUL	179	821,521	130	725,264	828	3,667,873	1,137	5,214,658
JUN	165	797,001	130	841,296	828	3,539,990	1,123	5,178,287
MAY	159	925,095	150	984,934	772	3,793,506	1,081	5,703,535
APR	177	870,476	133	868,733	640	3,336,040	950	5,075,249
MAR	174	933,550	148	890,628	771	4,076,626	1,093	5,900,804
FEB	169	906,631	146	988,959	702	3,711,093	1,017	5,606,683
JAN	194	924,914	159	1,051,460	942	4,895,279	1,295	6,871,653
TOTAL 1982	2,457	13,392,829	2,149	14,649,135	11,160	60,104,312	15,766	88,146,276
TOTAL 1981	2,667	15,436,606	2,532	17,031,054	12,292	68,809,299	17,491	101,276,959

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS¹ BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR
REPORTED TO THE API DURING DECEMBER 1985

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED ⁴ CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	2,655	9,248,083	1,312	6,331,095	1,557	8,122,559	5,524	23,701,737	5,606	23,956,204
1985: DEC	236	1,053,928	65	318,099	305	1,953,647	606	3,325,674	614	3,357,381
NOV	789	2,919,072	223	1,234,359	473	2,237,146	1,485	6,390,577	1,494	6,425,693
OCT	675	2,386,363	247	1,252,663	310	1,661,733	1,232	5,300,779	1,257	5,381,553
SEP	242	886,435	179	890,101	158	693,241	579	2,469,777	593	2,508,909
AUG	190	528,183	143	667,460	109	573,396	442	1,769,039	450	1,792,496
JUL	160	440,568	117	525,834	59	263,058	336	1,229,460	338	1,231,819
JUN	102	267,336	108	473,217	46	200,054	256	940,607	257	943,862
MAY	72	238,555	42	205,788	27	127,728	141	572,071	143	576,824
APR	46	152,413	55	248,254	16	86,427	117	487,094	121	498,106
MAR	46	136,018	56	213,097	21	110,670	123	459,785	123	459,785
FEB	48	108,734	47	197,623	18	111,486	113	417,845	114	420,658
JAN	49	130,458	30	104,600	15	103,971	94	339,029	102	359,118
TOTAL 1984	275	620,362	264	976,687	131	456,631	670	2,053,680	724	2,111,495
1984: DEC	50	166,134	62	219,390	18	81,391	130	466,915	166	469,368
NOV	28	58,634	58	176,533	19	41,427	105	276,594	108	284,236
OCT	24	64,837	30	108,191	16	63,464	70	236,492	78	250,282
SEP	26	64,427	29	96,647	10	29,713	65	190,787	67	192,421
AUG	26	42,613	18	73,259	9	39,904	53	155,776	55	162,422
JUL	12	26,296	16	58,692	9	36,165	37	121,153	38	123,378
JUN	19	54,615	13	56,268	11	33,860	43	144,743	44	148,008
MAY	29	41,887	6	33,632	7	23,450	42	98,969	42	98,969
APR	18	29,451	10	59,575	7	24,885	35	113,911	35	113,911
MAR	13	28,123	12	58,035	9	29,064	34	115,222	34	115,222
FEB	19	28,926	6	27,668	10	25,771	35	82,365	36	82,523
JAN	11	14,419	4	8,797	6	27,537	21	50,753	21	50,753
TOTAL 1983	56	86,244	26	85,379	35	81,145	117	250,768	118	253,368
1983: DEC	10	21,999	9	24,982	9	30,394	28	87,375	28	87,375
NOV	6	12,511	3	12,153	2	2,483	11	27,147	11	27,147
OCT	6	6,621	4	16,574	4	9,372	14	32,567	14	32,567
SEP	5	7,410	3	12,092	1	930	9	20,432	9	20,432
AUG	4	5,980	1	1,267	6	6,328	11	13,575	12	16,175
JUL	3	4,183	0	0	2	3,030	5	7,213	5	7,213
JUN	2	6,516	3	2,578	1	960	6	10,054	6	10,054
MAY	2	2,589	2	1,905	5	11,302	9	15,796	9	15,796
APR	3	4,151	1	1,828	2	7,847	6	13,826	6	13,826
MAR	1	1,713	0	0	1	1,350	2	3,063	2	3,063
FEB	2	1,598	0	0	1	1,231	3	2,829	3	2,829
JAN	12	10,973	0	0	1	5,918	13	16,891	13	16,891
TOTAL 1982	45	51,933	16	69,945	45	82,247	106	204,125	106	204,125
VRS PRIOR TO 1982	30	57,906	12	37,880	18	47,762	60	143,548	60	143,548
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED ⁵	3,061	10,064,528	1,630	7,498,986	1,786	8,790,344	6,477	26,353,858	6,614	26,668,740

See footnotes on page 5.

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1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of December 31, 1985. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.
2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.
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TABLES III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.
2. See footnote (2) above.
3. See footnote (3) above.
4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.
5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period December 1, 1985 through December 31, 1985. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.

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The API has changed its basic source of information for well completions. Beginning with this issue of the "Monthly Completion Report" (January 1986), the well completion data is being furnished to the API by Petroleum Information, Corporation (PI). Because of this change, the API expects that there will be some discontinuity in the data series during the transition period between the two sources.

The API will continue to present well and footage information on a report month basis (Table III), showing the completion month and year distribution. This table will continue to reflect new well additions to the API database.

However, the PI information provided to the API also includes information for wells reported in previous report periods but which are not yet included in the API database. These wells will be added to the API database as they are received and will be included in the appropriate completion month and year in Tables I and II. But these wells will not be counted as new wells reported in the current report month in Table III.

Therefore, during this transition period, it will not be possible to reconcile monthly additions (Table III) with the current status of the API database (Tables I and II). However, it is expected that this transition period should be of short duration.



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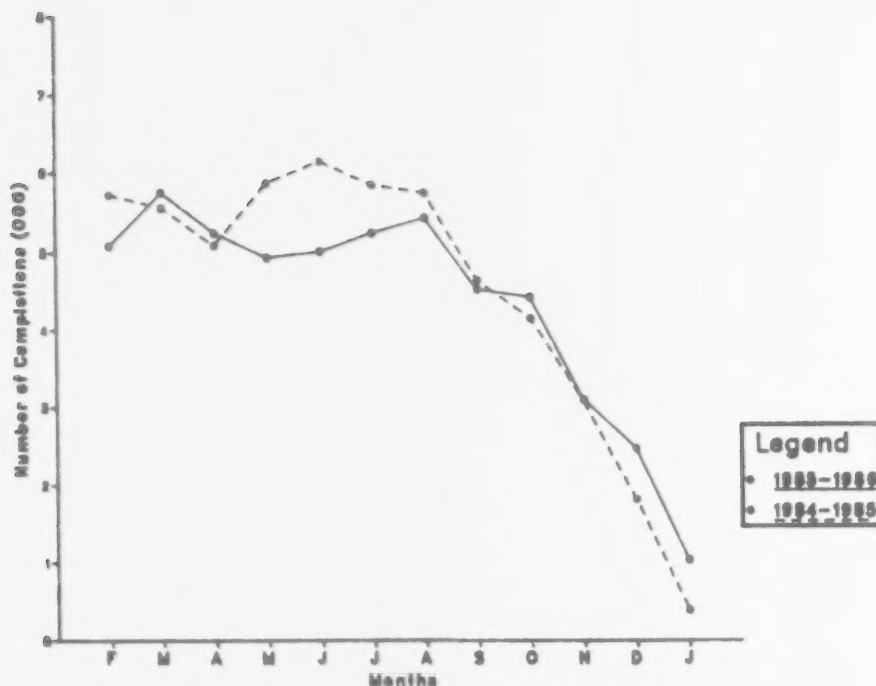


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TOTAL 1986	442	1,523,985	94	622,678	502	2,703,080	1,038	4,849,743	1,045	4,863,666
1986: JAN	442	1,523,985	94	622,678	502	2,703,080	1,038	4,849,743	1,045	4,863,666
TOTAL 1985	28,594	115,799,595	11,177	60,685,176	17,590	88,995,559	57,361	265,480,330	58,580	269,540,574
1985: DEC	1,212	4,768,630	319	1,762,682	941	5,109,898	2,472	11,641,210	2,499	11,724,929
NOV	1,345	6,068,428	506	2,758,487	1,040	5,287,893	3,091	14,114,808	3,129	14,252,959
OCT	2,180	8,954,064	872	4,473,792	1,375	6,893,089	4,427	20,320,945	4,458	20,516,188
SEP	2,234	8,857,863	886	4,635,883	1,430	7,139,965	4,530	20,633,711	4,602	20,826,759
AUG	2,780	10,786,621	1,003	5,298,421	1,679	8,071,609	5,442	24,156,651	5,519	24,380,573
JUL	2,816	10,051,422	1,050	5,618,848	1,584	7,540,621	5,250	23,210,891	5,362	23,545,916
JUN	2,516	9,983,196	1,020	5,355,964	1,482	7,095,032	5,018	22,434,192	5,137	22,871,256
MAY	2,505	10,619,877	917	5,081,252	1,516	7,719,146	4,938	23,420,275	5,081	23,945,572
APR	2,679	10,957,834	990	5,632,054	1,582	8,043,170	5,251	24,633,058	5,374	25,008,421
MAR	2,875	12,013,248	1,168	6,497,158	1,704	8,524,312	5,750	27,034,718	5,902	27,494,917
FEB	2,499	10,586,118	1,169	6,487,413	1,417	7,557,965	5,085	24,631,496	5,213	25,064,145
JAN	2,970	12,152,294	1,297	7,083,222	1,840	10,012,859	6,107	29,248,375	6,274	29,806,939
TOTAL 1984	40,583	155,961,557	16,012	85,540,879	24,105	115,470,842	80,700	356,973,278	82,743	362,425,048
1984: DEC	3,262	12,216,649	1,449	7,343,419	1,986	10,202,807	6,697	29,762,875	6,874	30,220,937
NOV	3,379	12,721,876	1,557	7,669,451	1,919	9,483,807	6,855	29,874,934	7,014	30,326,525
OCT	3,411	13,670,527	1,482	7,818,314	1,979	9,426,353	6,872	30,915,194	7,088	31,553,467
SEP	3,360	12,470,122	1,340	6,986,746	1,998	9,303,967	6,698	28,760,835	6,831	29,114,927
AUG	3,584	13,266,616	1,503	7,886,653	2,414	10,947,533	7,501	32,101,002	7,681	32,639,918
JUL	3,654	13,782,628	1,344	7,360,190	2,214	10,081,179	7,212	31,223,997	7,380	31,692,869
JUN	3,612	13,380,056	1,398	7,295,527	2,265	10,256,405	7,275	30,931,968	7,453	31,383,481
MAY	3,460	13,470,132	1,270	7,018,719	1,900	9,232,790	6,660	29,721,641	6,823	30,112,289
APR	3,060	11,570,246	955	5,677,001	1,665	8,254,653	5,680	25,501,900	5,869	25,942,554
MAR	3,246	13,075,468	1,100	6,615,253	1,748	8,759,761	6,094	28,450,482	6,267	28,877,070
FEB	3,188	12,699,801	1,268	6,694,641	1,771	8,782,235	6,227	28,178,677	6,376	28,593,399
JAN	3,337	13,637,436	1,346	7,174,765	2,246	10,739,552	6,929	31,551,753	7,087	31,967,612
TOTAL 1983	36,033	133,643,662	14,031	74,919,443	23,107	102,065,987	73,171	310,629,092	75,158	315,323,564
TOTAL 1982	38,408	146,627,146	18,399	104,531,274	25,875	121,343,631	82,582	372,502,051	84,795	377,767,936

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES
BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF JANUARY 31, 1986¹

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1986	15	56,551	7	58,267	212	1,290,219	234	1,405,037
1986: JAN	15	56,551	7	58,267	212	1,290,219	234	1,405,037
TOTAL 1985	1,800	8,710,221	991	6,411,656	7,701	43,092,527	10,192	58,214,404
1985: DEC	61	363,867	21	96,680	457	2,641,483	539	3,102,040
NOV	62	327,961	41	300,202	478	2,653,711	581	3,281,874
OCT	116	644,917	46	237,785	617	3,366,960	779	4,249,662
SEP	104	554,861	59	360,299	642	3,424,247	805	4,339,107
AUG	154	901,256	78	478,471	722	3,822,710	954	5,202,437
JUL	125	722,935	71	409,355	678	3,692,793	874	4,725,083
JUN	107	585,144	103	734,728	621	3,196,924	831	4,516,796
MAY	144	848,388	117	741,443	632	3,572,833	893	5,162,664
APR	123	674,073	105	715,193	663	3,852,653	891	5,241,919
MAR	172	1,048,315	100	843,522	711	4,056,478	983	5,748,316
FEB	159	993,868	115	794,561	660	3,952,223	934	5,727,322
JAN	173	1,044,936	135	899,417	820	4,972,832	1,128	6,917,185
TOTAL 1984	2,270	12,339,871	1,552	9,690,740	10,737	57,301,138	14,559	79,331,749
1984: DEC	148	766,182	103	548,602	909	5,311,940	1,160	6,626,724
NOV	175	970,726	108	633,883	829	4,622,783	1,112	6,226,862
OCT	157	821,057	139	890,422	926	4,730,032	1,222	6,441,511
SEP	212	1,159,753	129	879,726	878	4,514,610	1,219	6,554,089
AUG	182	979,799	123	798,299	1,035	5,428,733	1,340	7,206,831
JUL	187	979,987	149	981,766	1,045	5,182,353	1,381	7,144,106
JUN	196	1,103,842	133	767,186	1,043	5,243,293	1,372	7,114,321
MAY	210	1,149,835	133	806,908	821	4,506,378	1,164	6,463,121
APR	154	898,020	98	670,066	742	4,022,715	994	5,590,801
MAR	213	1,187,696	151	1,019,389	733	4,127,690	1,097	6,333,675
FEB	203	1,140,932	152	897,159	792	4,395,372	1,147	6,433,463
JAN	233	1,182,042	134	798,934	984	5,215,269	1,351	7,196,245
TOTAL 1983	2,103	10,507,172	1,633	10,163,688	9,913	48,037,391	13,649	68,708,151
TOTAL 1982	2,466	13,387,224	2,151	14,661,745	11,171	60,157,359	15,778	88,206,328

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TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS¹ BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR
REPORTED TO THE API DURING JANUARY 1986

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED ⁴ CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1986	442	1,523,985	94	622,678	502	2,703,080	1,038	4,849,743	1,045	4,863,866
1986: JAN	442	1,523,985	94	622,678	502	2,703,080	1,038	4,849,743	1,045	4,863,866
TOTAL 1985	2,188	7,911,326	930	4,629,481	1,399	6,391,727	4,517	18,932,534	4,621	19,207,635
1985: DEC	963	3,637,270	235	1,323,562	584	2,941,544	1,782	7,902,376	1,801	7,954,388
NOV	518	1,925,857	209	1,130,286	284	1,318,962	1,011	4,375,105	1,032	4,463,177
OCT	245	882,779	199	876,303	164	688,449	608	2,447,531	618	2,473,468
SEP	128	402,853	77	323,936	94	375,345	299	1,102,134	306	1,112,814
AUG	103	312,922	50	216,076	73	295,243	226	824,241	239	867,466
JUL	62	178,064	35	174,393	37	151,687	134	604,144	138	517,218
JUN	46	170,354	23	130,231	38	128,152	107	428,737	114	442,432
MAY	41	128,172	21	105,691	36	124,955	98	358,818	102	362,761
APR	20	64,201	20	89,270	14	70,454	54	223,925	64	232,817
MAR	18	61,419	17	79,659	19	71,823	54	212,901	66	215,304
FEB	18	68,485	31	138,918	18	82,902	67	290,305	68	299,570
JAN	26	78,950	13	41,155	38	142,211	77	262,317	83	266,220
TOTAL 1984	188	481,478	98	426,591	161	482,148	447	1,390,217	489	1,446,588
1984: DEC	24	66,584	14	66,585	22	100,265	60	233,434	66	238,548
NOV	17	48,051	28	68,578	24	87,730	69	204,359	75	210,546
OCT	31	46,245	9	51,514	22	73,878	62	171,638	65	173,759
SEP	24	38,447	2	16,498	16	43,079	42	98,024	45	101,698
AUG	12	48,298	11	55,103	16	33,464	39	136,865	44	153,325
JUL	19	52,621	10	69,455	19	50,710	48	172,786	54	179,758
JUN	22	60,429	5	16,613	13	31,519	40	108,961	49	116,880
MAY	6	11,488	1	2,673	6	11,253	13	25,414	14	26,179
APR	6	18,789	6	29,775	3	16,053	15	64,617	15	64,617
MAR	10	22,622	1	1,481	7	17,372	18	41,475	18	41,475
FEB	9	40,015	6	20,041	8	7,170	23	67,226	23	67,226
JAN	8	27,888	5	28,275	5	9,655	19	65,818	21	72,577
TOTAL 1983	38	110,865	17	66,635	59	139,023	114	316,523	117	322,923
VRS PRIOR TO 1983	41	149,029	47	182,885	59	171,853	147	503,767	152	517,679
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED ⁵	2,897	10,176,683	1,186	5,928,270	2,180	9,887,831	6,263	25,992,784	6,424	26,358,491

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SOURCE: PETROLEUM INFORMATION CORPORATION.

TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of January 31, 1986. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.
2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.
3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.
4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLE III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.
2. See footnote (2) above.
3. See footnote (3) above.
4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.
5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period January 1, 1986 through January 31, 1986. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.